

## Board of Registration for Geologists and Geophysicists

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### REGULATIONS NOW IN EFFECT

The following regulatory action, effective April 14, 2000, establishes the methods by which licensees, the parties in responsible charge of geologic or geophysical projects and partners in geological or geophysical firms shall provide license notification to clients.

#### §3066. License Notification

(a) Every licensee shall provide notice to his or her clients that he or she is licensed by the Board. Notice shall be provided by any of the following methods:

(1) Displaying his or her license certificate in a public area of the premises where the licensee provides the licensed service.

(2) Posting a notice in a public area of the premises where the licensee provides the licensed services, in at least 48-point type, that states that the named licensee is licensed by the Board.

(3) Providing a statement to each client, to be signed and dated by the client and retained in the licensee's

records, that states that the client understands that the licensee is licensed by the Board.

(b) The party or parties in responsible charge of geologic and/or geophysical projects shall:

(1) Include a statement that he or she is licensed by the Board on contracts for service, bid documents, and/or responses to requests for proposals or qualifications, where the notice is placed immediately above the signature line for the client in at least 12-point type.

(2) Print his or her license number on the firm's correspondence.

(3) Print his or her license number on the firm's business cards bearing his or her name.

(c) A licensed principal or partner in a geologic or geophysical firm shall:

(1) Print his or her license number on all advertising including telephone directory and website.

Note: Authority cited: Section 7818, Business and Professions Code. Reference: Section 138, Business and Professions Code.

**If you have questions about the provisions of section 3066, please contact the Board.**

### THANKS TO WORKSHOP PARTICIPANTS

**The Board thanks all who participated in its Registered Geologist Occupational Analysis workshops and Certified Hydrogeologist Item Writing and Review workshops!**

The Occupational Analysis defines the practice of geology in terms of the actual tasks that new licensees must be able to perform safely and competently at the time of licensure in order to develop a licensing examination that is fair, job-related and legally defensible.

The Item Writing Review Workshops allow licensees to participate in the examination as subject matter experts for the professions of geology, geophysics, engineering geology and hydrogeology. As subject matter experts, the participants ensure that the questions on the examination are directly relevant to the tasks performed on the job.

### FIRST ASBOG EXAM COMPLETE!

The Board administered the Association of State Boards of Geology examination for the first time on March 17, 2000. Examinations were administered in Brea in Southern California and Sacramento.



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### NEW COMMITTEE MEMBER

The Board welcomes Laura Cathcart as the Registered Geophysicist member of the Examination Committee. Ms. Cathcart has a Bachelor of Science in Geology and Geophysics from the University of Wisconsin and a Masters of Science in Geophysics from the University of Arizona. Currently, Ms. Cathcart is Senior Geophysicist for Spectrum Geophysics, responsible for the coordination of geophysical projects, field services, data processing, project oversight, report review and client liaison.

### VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!

The Board NEEDS YOU for its criterion-reference pass point workshops.

The Board uses a criterion-reference method for scoring examinations. A criterion-referenced method of scoring applies minimum standards of competence to all candidates regardless of the form of the examination administered.

Criterion-referenced standard setting establishes a minimum level of competence for safe practice that candidates must possess in order to pass the examination. Standard setting is a group process. The group should be comprised of practitioners who are representative of all aspects of practice and should always include a number of newly licensed practitioners.

Your participation is essential to the Board's examination program. To participate, please contact the Board. The Board needs participants for the following workshops:

#### September 29, 2000

California-specific examination

#### October 20, 2000

Certified Engineering Geologist examination

#### October 27, 2000

Certified Hydrogeologist Examination

### EARTHQUAKE PREPAREDNESS MONTH

April 2000 is the 17<sup>th</sup> annual California Earthquake Preparedness Month presented by the Governor's Office of Emergency Services. This year's campaign focus is understanding seismic risk, highlighting the location and number of active earthquake faults in California and stressing the importance of being prepared.

To learn more about scheduling a preparedness event and to download campaign 2000 materials, visit the Office of Emergency Services website at [www.oes.ca.gov](http://www.oes.ca.gov).

### STRATEGIC PLAN ADOPTED

The Board adopted the revised Strategic Plan on April 7, 2000. This fulfills the Board's commitment to annually revise its Strategic Plan. The plan is an evolving document that guides the Board in administering its statutory and regulatory mandates. To receive a copy of the Strategic Plan, contact the Board or visit its website.

### GEOLOGIST AND GEOPHYSICIST ACT REVISIONS

The Board is concerned that the Geologist and Geophysicist Act (Act) must be updated and is proposing major revisions to the Act for the next legislative session. Among those changes being considered are amendments to section 7841, Qualifications of Applicant for Registration as Geologist that would eliminate the provision allowing an applicant without a degree in geological science or a related field to apply for licensure as a Registered Geologist.

Section 7841 of the Act requires an applicant for licensure as a Registered Geologist to have either: (1) a degree with a major in geology or (2) completion of 30 semester units in geologic science courses leading to a major in geology, of which 24 units must be upper division or graduate courses. An applicant with a degree must have at least five years of professional geological work experience. If the applicant qualifies under (2) above, he or she must have at least seven years of professional geological work.

Since 1995, not one individual has applied for licensure with 30 units and seven years professional geologic work.

For more information about proposed revisions to the Act, please contact the Board.